IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

July 13, 1842.
Ordered to be printed.—To accompany bill H. R. No. 274.

Mr. BATES submitted the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the House bill "for the relief of Catharine W. Callender," report:

The application is for a pension under the act of 1838. By the provisions of that act, "if any person who served, &c., in the manner specified in the act of 1832, have died, leaving a widow, &c., such widow shall be entitled," &c. The petitioner was not a widow at the time of the passage, and within the express terms of the act of 1838; and, therefore, is not entitled to a pension. It is true the time of the death of the husband seems to have no connexion with the grounds of equitable claim to a pension, any more than the time of his marriage after the close of the war; but, as the act has made both the one and the other material, the committee, in giving effect to the pension laws, do not feel at liberty to set the act aside, in this respect, by special acts. If done at all, it should be by a general law.

Resolved, That the bill be indefinitely postponed.

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